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SUBJECT: SECRETARY BERGLAND'S VISIT TO USSR

1. MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OFFICIALS CALLED AGATT TO 4:00
P.M. MEETING TODAY AT MINISTRY. FOLLOWING CHANGES IN
SECRETARY'S SOVIET VISIT WERE REQUESTED:

- A) SECRETARY TO DEFER ARRIVAL UNTIL EVENING MAY 9.
- B) SECRETARY TO ARRIVE IN MOSCOW BY AF PLANE, BUT TO
 - TRAVEL IN "SPECIAL FIRST CLASS" SOVIET PLANE WITHIN
 - SOVIET UNION.
- C) SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE TO BE MOVED BACK TO MAY 18.

2. OFFICIALS APOLOGETIC FOR LATENESS IN REQUESTING CHANGES
IN SCHEDULE AND INDICATED THAT EXODUS OF SOVIET OFFICIALS
COUNTRYWIDE FOR MAY 8TH AND 9TH HOLIDAYS MAKES IT
ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO BE RECEIVED IN MANNER
CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL BY SOVIET HOSTS.

3. MINAG OFFICIALS INDICATED THAT THE FULL PROGRAM

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REQUESTED BY THE SECRETARY HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR ALL
ITINERARY POINTS. THE APPOINTMENTS SCHEDULED IN MOSCOW
INCLUDE KIRILLIN, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
AND CHAIRMAN OF SCST; AND MINISTERS PATOLICHEV AND
ZOLOTUKHIN - IN ADDITION TO MINISTER MESYATS. APPOINT-
MENTS IN KIEV NOT FIRM DUE HOLIDAY PROBLEM, BUT HE WILL
BE RECEIVED AT APPROPRIATE LEVELS THERE. IN TSELINOGRAD

MOTORIKO, MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE OF KAZAKHSTAN, WILL
HOST VISIT.

4. SOVIET REPRESENTATION SCHEDULED INCLUDES: A) MOSCOW -
LUNCHEON HOSTED BY MINISTER MESYATS; B) KIEV - EVENT
HOSTED BY AGMIN OR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS; C) LENINGRAD -
FUNCTION HOSTED BY REGIONAL SOVIET OF PEOPLE'S DEPUTIES;
D) WIVES/OTHER PARTY MEMBERS' PROGRAM - SCHEDULED FOR
MOSCOW, LENINGRAD AND KIEV.

5. SPECIAL SOVIET PLANE WILL BE AT MINISTRY'S EXPENSE AND
INCLUDE ALL MEALS AND CONVENIENCES. AT AMERICAN SIDES
REQUEST, SENDING SIDE WILL PAY FOR HOTEL ROOMS AND MEALS.
SOVIETS INDICATED THAT ADVANCE INFORMATION ON THESE COSTS
WOULD BE AVAILABLE AT LEAST THREE DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE
FROM WASHINGTON. SOVIETS EVEN OFFERED TO PAY COST OF
AIR FORCE CREW'S HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS AND MEALS IN MOSCOW
IF IT SHOULD BE DECIDED THAT CREW WOULD REMAIN IN COUNTRY
AND AWAIT RETURN OF SECRETARY'S PARTY.

6. MINAG OFFICIALS WHO WOULD ACCOMPANY SECRETARY INCLUDE
THE FOLLOWING: DEPUTY MINISTER RUNOV, ALEXEI KOVALEV,
GAAVA AND MOLIVOK (CHIEF OF PROTOCOL). THREE SOVIET
INTERPRETERS WILL ALSO TRAVEL WITH PARTY (ONE ENGLISH TO
RUSSIAN, ONE RUSSIAN TO ENGLISH, AND ONE FOR WIVES).

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7. OFFICIALS REQUESTED THAT THE SECRETARY'S RESPONSE TO
THESE PROPOSALS BE RECEIVED NOT LATER THAN 9:00 A.M.
(MOSCOW TIME) ON MAY 3RD.

8. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH TONE OF REQUESTS TO DELAY VISIT UNTIL
MAY 9TH AND TO ACCEPT SOVIET PLANE FOR TRAVEL BEYOND
MOSCOW WAS VERY POLITE, THERE IS LITTLE QUESTION IN MIND
OF AGATT THAT SOVIET ACCEPTANCE OF VISIT WOULD NOT BE
POSSIBLE IF THESE TWO REQUESTS WERE NOT ACCOMMODATED.
MINAG OFFICIALS MADE IT CLEAR THAT THIS WAS A SOVIET
GOVERNMENT RESPONSE. THEIR OTHER REQUEST TO EXTEND
ITINERARY TO MAY 18 WAS COUCHED IN TERMS OF FLEXIBILITY,
I.E., AT SECRETARY'S DISCRETION. IT WAS OBVIOUS, HOW-
EVER, THAT MINISTER MESYATS WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE SECRETARY
BERGLAND TO COMPLETE THE ENTIRE ITINERARY. IT IS PROBABLE
THAT HE WILL ACCOMPANY SECRETARY FOR AT LEAST PART OF
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